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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is another aspect of the question from the point of view of a particular industry. But here we must give priority to the question of economy in building cheap houses for these poor colonists."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that, apart from the owners of the tile industry, the Chamber of Commerce, Malabar, and also workers organizations have represented to the Government that the tile industry is adversely affected on account of the use of asbestos, will the Government reconsider the whole position in favour of using the tiles made in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, but economy regarding the cost of these buildings must be the first consideration so far as the Wynaad Colonization Scheme is concerned."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that because of the Mangalore tile industry, the local cottage tile industries are affected and will the Government give preference to the country tiles? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think there should be any conflict between one type of tiles and another type of tiles. It is for the people to choose."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, when thousands of people are without even a single cloth and we plead that they should be given cheap mill cloth, in order to protect the handloom industry, the Government not only impose a cess but also a special cess. We do not disapprove of it for the protection of the handloom industry. Why in this matter are the Government guided by the motive of economy rather than the well being of the tile industry which is an important industry in the West Coast? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is because of this position. I do not think that any person is naked for want of cheap cloth. On the other hand, thousands and thousands of people are without houses and therefore we give prior consideration to the question of economy in the construction of houses."

Loans under N.E.S. Scheme, South Arcot district

* 1833 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) The amount sanctioned by the Government for the South Arcot District Block Development area under the National Extension Service for giving loans to agriculturists and pesants;

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(*b*) how many applications were received by the officers, and how many sanctioned; and

(*c*) the number of applications received from Harijans and the number sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rupees 2,47,860.

" (*b*) Rs. 4,625; Rs. 2,443.

" (*c*) 334; 239."

Mica mining

* 1834 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether mica was found in Mayyanur in Kallakurichi taluk;

(*b*) whether the possibility of mining mica in the locality was investigated; and

(*c*) if so, the result of the investigation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The occurrences of mica in Mayyanur had been investigated by the Geological Survey of India Department. They were found to be sporadic and not of any commercial importance."

Industrial dispute in Palar Mills, Walajabad

* 1835 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Workers' Union of the Palar Mills, Walajabad, North Arcot district, regarding lock-out of the mills by the management; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government took any action on it and with what results?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) On the intervention of the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, normal work in the mills has been resumed with effect from 29th March 1955."